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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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RESERVATION TO OBCs IN EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to made any provision to provide reservation to Other Backward Classes in educational and vocational institutions;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the existing plans and other steps taken by the Government for the educational developments of backward classes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(d) The Government is implementing Pre-matric and Post-matric ScholarshipsSchemes under which financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations for grant of scholarships to eligible students of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The Government is also providing financial assistance to State Governments for construction of hostels for OBC studentsunder the scheme of hostels for OBC students.

Besides above, the National Backward Classes Finance & DevelopmentCorporation (NBCFDC) is providing loans under its Educational Loan Scheme toOBC students at concessional rate of interest for pursuinggeneral/professional/technical courses or training at graduate and or higher level.